ment for a term which may extend to three years and also with fine which may extended to two thousand rupees. The responsibility for launching prosecutions against the offenders lies with the concerned State Government. The State Governments are advised from time to time to deal with the offenders effectively.

(d) and (e) Under the Bonded Labour system (Abolition) Act, 1976, the State Governments are responsible for identification, release, and rehabilitation of bonded labourers. Annual targe's for rehabilitation of bonded labour by State Governments are set by the Central Government. Progress is monitored State have been advised to conduct survey to identify bonded labour. A scheme for involvement of voluntary ageneies in identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour has been issued.

Decline in exports of marine products to UK

1663. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports of marine products to the United Kingdom have fallen as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

le) what steps Government propose to take to ensure more exports of marine products to the U.K.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) the exports of marine products to the United Kingdom during the last three years have been fluctuating in quantitative terms though their value has been steadily increasing as the following table will shows:—

	Qty. (tonnes)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1984-85	4146	2042
1985-86	4818	2267
1986-87	4217	2431

The fall in quantity exported during last year is mainly due fo poor landing of shrimps.

(c) Steps taken by Govt, to increase the export of marine products to U.K. include promotion of prawn farming for augmenting production of cultured prawns, encouragement of production value added items like IQF (Individually Quick Frozen) shrimps, setting up of prawn hatcheries measures for exploitation of deep sea fishing resources promotional efforts etc.

Foreign aid for cleaning Ganga

1664. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign aid is being sought by the Government of India for cleaning the Ganga; and

(b) if so, what is the nature olaid and the names of the countries which have been approached for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI): (a) Government of India has not sought foreign assistance in 'he implementation of Ganga Action Plan, A FEW international organisations and countries have shown interest in Ganga Action Plan and offered assistance which have been considered.

(b) *World Bank:* An agreement has been concluded between the Government of India and the World Bank providing

for World Bank assistance to the UP Urban Development Project of which Ganga Action Plan is a component.

The total cost of the UP Urban Development Project including contingencies is estimated to be Rs. 283.27 crores. Out of this, the cost of the Ganga Action Plan component is estimated to be Rs- 57.77 crores for the following items—-

(i) Technical assistance and training.

(ii) Construction of sewage treatment plants in a few locations.

(iii) Procurement of equipments for mechanical cleaning of sewers and automatic monitoring of river water quality. The World Bank assistance will cover full cost of imports, if any, and about 52 per cent of the cost of goods and services to be indigenously procured. The total amount of assistance is expected to be about Rs. 32 crores.

Netherlands—The Government of Netherlands has offered 64 million Dutch Guilders worth of technical and financial assistance for integral sanitation projects for Kanpur & Mirzapur under the Ganga Action Plan. The detailed project reports are yet to be submitted by the Government of UP.

UK—Thames Water Authority public body in UK is providing advisory services to GPD on the following i:ems—

(i) Water quality modelling

(ii) Automation of water quality monitoring Nations and selected pumping stations for monitoring of their performance.

(iii) Sewer condition assessment and rehabilitation programme.

Under this, experts of Thames Water Authority have interacted with the different organisations to provide necessary assistance in this matter. The cost of advisory services is funded by the Government of UK.

Finamial support hy Italy for joint ventures with India

1665. SHRl PARVATHANENl UP! V DRA:

SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Ministe,- of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Italy has agreed to provide financial support for joint ventures with lndia and credit to public financial institutions for sectors like fertilisers, telecommunications and transport: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT Or EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The delegation which accompanied Hon'ble Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Italy on his visit to India held discussions on cooperation with the officials of Ministry of Finance on 21-10-87. The delegation mentioned in the course of their discussions that the Government of Italy will be willing to increase its financial support as well as improve the existing financial instruments, such as financial support on concessional terms to joint ventures and line of credit also on concessional terms to public financial institutions. Both the sides agreed to explore possibility of identifying projects in sectors such as fertilisers, telecommunications transport and in particular energy. A member of the delegation also met the Director General of the confederation of Engineering Industry. Details of financial assistance possible to joint ventures and credit possibility to public financial institutions are being ascertained